

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2227. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Israel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2228. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plan for the future of its workforce; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2229. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising, 16 CFR Part 436; Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Business Opportunities, 16 CFR Part 437" (RIN3084-AA63) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2230. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2231. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2232. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2233. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2234. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2235. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-114. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to provide resources to address the colony collapse disorder affecting honeybees; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, Michigan and the nation's agricultural industry rely on honeybees to pollinate plants and enable the production of our nation's fruits, vegetables, seeds, and nuts. Honeybees pollinate at least 90 commercial crops and account for 80 percent of the nation's pollination services, providing \$5 billion to \$10 billion of direct benefits to United States agriculture; and

Whereas, honeybees in Michigan and 25 other states have succumbed to a mysterious ailment referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder, where honeybees abandon their hives. In affected states, beekeepers lost up to 50 percent of their colonies last winter, threatening Michigan's \$383 million fruit industry and billions of dollars of agricultural production nationwide; and

Whereas, immediate research is needed to determine the cause of Colony Collapse Disorder and assistance to Support our nation's 135,000 beekeepers and the agriculture industry from this potentially crippling threat: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide resources to address the Colony Collapse Disorder affecting honeybees; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, May 22, 2007.

POM-115. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan expressing opposition to Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposed sale of its rail line between Lansing and Jackson; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of several Michigan lines, including the line that runs between Lansing and Jackson. Traffic on Michigan's rail lines has increased over the past two years. Expanding both freight and passenger rail service is being promoted as a solution to rising oil prices, pollution, and increased highway congestion. The sale or closure of rail lines could be counterproductive to efforts to improve Michigan's economy; and

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern lines are vital links between Michigan cities and between Michigan and neighboring states. Expanding rail capacity on the Lansing/Jackson line is essential to the future development of this area. New industry, including production plants for coal energy, biodiesel, and ethanol fuel, is proposed for Michigan and the railroad will play an integral role in moving products and supplies. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in Michigan; and

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue in excess of \$250 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Lansing to Jackson line will almost certainly place the line under the management of a Class Three operator, a rail company earning revenue of \$20 million or less annually. A Class Three operator may be far less likely to have the means to maintain the line, thus increasing the chance of accidents. Class Three operators also rely on federal grants for line and equipment maintenance—grants that are not always guaranteed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express opposition to Norfolk Southern's proposed sale of its rail line between Lansing and Jackson; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; members of the Michigan congressional delegation; the United States Department of Transportation, Surface Transportation Board; the Norfolk Southern Corporation; AMTRAK; and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1591. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow full expensing for the cost of qualified refinery property in the year in which the property is placed in service, and to classify petroleum refining property as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1592. A bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1593. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1594. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve port safety and security for especially hazardous cargos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1595. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1597. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ISAKSON):